

## **Southwest Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities**

### **Independent Contractor Organization – Request for Information Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)**

As part of the national network of Area Agencies on Aging, Southwest Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities (SWAAD) is a public service agency dedicated to helping persons aged 60 and over, adults with disabilities and their families to access needed community services in Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties.

SWAAD is seeking to contract with organizations to provide PERS, electronic systems for individual to secure help in a personal emergency through an electronic device that is connected to the individual's phone line and programmed to signal a response center. These systems may also include medication reminders.

Each qualified applicant organization must be able to provide equipment approved by the Federal Communications Commission and which meets the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) standard for home health care signaling equipment, as well as meet all requirements for monitoring, staff qualifications, installation timeframes, background checks and insurance as outlined in the contract and Qualified Applicant Requirements.

The parties to an awarded contract are State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the contracting organization. SWAAD is not part of DSHS, but is responsible for verifying organizational qualifications, executing the contract and monitoring for contract compliance. SWAAD reserves the right to limit the number of contracted providers.

Interested parties may request a scanned copy of a sample contract for review, the Qualified Applicant Requirements and the List of Disqualifying Crimes for installers by sending an email with the subject line "Request for Information – PERS" to [sampata@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:sampata@dshs.wa.gov).

Request Deadline is Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

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Women-owned, minority-owned and veteran-owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

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